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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed June 18, 2003;
2. Petition for Two Months' Extension of Time;
3. Check in the amount of \$210.00 for the requisite fee; and
4. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1232.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 18, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.